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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY QUERY ON BELGIAN POLICY TOWARD  
BALTIC STATES

REF: STATE 165825

1. QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT ON BELGIAN POSITION RE RECOGNITION  
OF BALTIC STATES REFERRED TO REFTEL WAS RAISED BY VOLKSUNIE  
(VU) DEPUTY JORISSEN. THE VU IS A PARTY BASED ON THE SINGLE  
ISSUE OF THE DEFENSE OF THE INTERESTS OF DUTCH-LANGUAGE  
COMMUNITY IN BELGIUM. IT DRAWS ITS SUPPORT LARGELY FROM  
THE LOWER MIDDLE CLASS, CATHOLIC, FLEMISH PART OF THE  
POPULATION. CURRENTLY IN OPPOSITION TO THE TINDEMANS  
ADMINISTRATION, IT HAS STRONG IDEOLOGICAL INTERESTS IN  
THE CULTURAL RIGHTS OF MINORITIES IN THE USSR, SPAIN, ETC.

2. JORISSEN'S QUESTION DIRECTED TO THE MINISTER OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS (IN EMBASSY SUMMARY TRANSLATION):  
"DURING THE SUMMER OF 1940, SOVIET TROOPS OCCUPIED THE THREE  
BALTIC REPUBLICS. THIS ANNEXATION HAS NOT BEEN  
RECOGNIZED BY ANY NON-COMMUNISTS STATE EXCEPT FOR  
FINLAND AND SWEDEN. DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF  
BALTIC GOVERNMENTS IN EXILE ARE STILL RECOGNIZED BY  
35 STATES AS DIFFERENT AS THE USA AND ZAMBIA. OTHER  
STATES, WHILE CONSIDERING THE ANNEXATION AS CONTRARY TO  
THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES, HAVE RESIGNED THEMSELVES (TO THE  
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SITUATION) AND NO LONGER HAVE OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH

THESE GOVERNMENTS. DOES BELGIUM BELONG TO THE 35?  
IF NOT, SINCE WHEN DOES BELGIUM NO LONGER DE JURE  
RECOGNIZE LATVIA, LITHUANIA AND ESTONIA? FOR WHAT REASONS?"

3. FOREIGN MINISTER MUST REPLY TO THE QUESTION IN  
PARLIAMENT, BUT IN THIS CASE NOT WITHIN ANY SET TIME  
PERIOD. PARLIAMENT IS NOT CURRENTLY IN SESSION AND WILL  
NOT RECONVENE UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER. WILL ADVISE WHEN  
FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.FIRESTONE

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